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Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE TITLE:Please change the title to "System and Method for Programmatically Creating  
Graphical Program Code in a Graphical Program".IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 15, 17 and 26 as follows:

A.

1. (Amended) A method for configuring a node in a graphical program, the  
method comprising:

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